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1. The new Hsin Tung (2450/2639) bridge has been built across the West River near Huiyang (114-26, 23-05). The bridge connects East Chungshan (0022/1472) Road and Shuitunghsi (3055/2639/6007) Road off Huiyang. The construction of the bridge was started on 1 March 1951 and was completed on 1 September 1951. It is of concrete construction 350 feet long and 34 feet wide. There is room for traffic to pass in both directions and there are sidewalks for pedestrians. The bridge has three spans, the highest point of each being 45 feet above the water level at low tide. At both ends of the bridge there are 16 supporting pillars arranged in rows of four.
2. The bridge is illuminated by 14 lamps spaced along each side. There is a sentry post at each end and the bridge is guarded by both police and troops. A concrete pillbox has been built at the eastern end. Motor traffic and pedestrians are allowed to pass over freely but are not allowed to loiter on the bridge itself.
3. The total cost of the bridge was JMP 2,400 million. Of this sum JMP 1,000 million was granted by the Kwangtung Provincial Government and the remaining JMP 1,400 million was borne by the people of Huiyang Hsien city. Details of the cost and date of commencement and completion of the work are inscribed on a plaque at one end of the bridge.

1. Comment. The height of the spans above water level (45 feet) was calculated at 5:20 p.m. on 5 April 1952 when the tide was low. Some of the detail in this report is confirmed the only principal difference being the number of spans,

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